STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Racing Te Aroha Date: Friday 17 March 2017

Weather: Fine Track: Dead 5

Rail: Out 8 metres entire circuit

Stewards: M Davidson (Chairman), A Coles, W Robinson and D Wadley

Veterinarian: R McQuillan **Typist:** P Laboyrie

GENERAL: (All comments pertaining to this meeting – e.g. drivers/riders not attending, delays and all other issues)

Nil

SUPPLEMENTARY: (All adjourned inquiries and follow up information relating to previous meetings)

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: ITSABIRD, MARQUESS OF

Suspensions: Race 1 C Grylls JOVANNI

Careless riding soon after start [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Suspended 23 – 26 March 2017

inclusive (4 days)

Protests: Nil

Fines: Nil

Warnings: Nil

Follow Up Nil

Horse Actions: Race 1 DUKE STREET – warning barrier manners

Medical Certificates: Nil Rider Changes: Nil Late Scratching: Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 THE SPRAY RIG 2200

DUKE STREET (A Collett) – Proved difficult to load with a warning being placed on its barrier manners record. Improved wide from the 1000 metres.

ITSABIRD (R Norvall) – Began awkwardly making firm contact with EPAE ROAD.

EPAE ROAD (M Cameron) – Began awkwardly making firm contact with ITSABIRD. Held up prior to entering the home straight, and had some difficulty obtaining clear racing room early in the final straight.

JOVANNI (C Grylls) - Knuckled leaving the barriers.

SPANISH SHOWGIRL (C Lammas) – Crowded and had to steady shortly after the start when JOVANNI shifted in. **C Grylls** admitted a resultant breach of Rule 638(1)(d) careless riding and after hearing submissions the JCA imposed a suspension of four days from the conclusion of racing on 22 March up to and including 26 March.

EL SEA GOLDEN (E Farr) – Began to over-race passing the 1600 metres and shifted out to avoid heels, and was then obliged to race wide for the remainder of the event.

Race 2

JOIN FIBER FRESH 8TH APRIL BREEDERS STAKES DAY 1600

SAINT FINN (M Du Plessis) – Slow to begin.

SNEAKYSID (G Cooksley) - Raced wide throughout.

ATTIRE (A Collett) – Began awkwardly shifting out and making firm contact with DEEJAY MAC. Had to be steadied when improving quickly on to the heels of IT'S COMPLICATED passing the 1300 metres, and continued to race ungenerously for a short distance.

TOURMALINE (C Grylls) – Slow to begin.

FLIP THE COIN (L Innes) – Hampered at 200 metres.

STANTON (M Hills) – Raced wide without cover through the early to middle stages. Hampered 200 metres.

MAGNANIMOUS MAN (S Weatherley) – Got its head up on a number of occasions when racing keenly through the middle stages.

FORECAST (E Farr) – Broke down badly passing the 250 metres hampering FLIP THE COIN and STANTON. FORECAST was attended to by the on course veterinarian and found to have suffered a fracture to the near shoulder and was humanely euthanased as a result.

Following this race a number of riders voiced their concerns with the inconsistent state of the racing surface. Following discussions with riders a track inspection team of riders, trainers, Stewards and Club representatives inspected the track with all parties being unanimous that the track was unsafe to continue racing today and therefore for safety reasons the meeting was abandoned at 2.20 p.m.

The Te Aroha club advised that they would be carrying out remedial work immediately.